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*November 6, 2009*  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE	:	
APPLICATION OF	:	Administrative Action
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LAURA J. GRIFFIN	:	
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TO PRACTICE AS A PROFESSIONAL	:	CONSENT ORDER
COUNSELOR IN THE STATE	:	
NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened before the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon review of Ms. Griffin's application for licensure as a Professional Counselor. Ms. Griffin disclosed in her application that she had worked as a counselor in a for-profit setting at Healthmark Counseling LLC, in Cinnaminson, New Jersey under the supervision of Michael V. Palmer, Ph.D., LPC. Ms. Griffin submitted documentation that she performed

5,250 hours of supervised counseling experience from June 2005 to June 2008 at Healthmark Counseling LLC.

Having reviewed the entire record, it appears to the Committee that the applicant has engaged in the unlicensed practice of professional and/or associate counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a), as she does not hold any license which would entitle her to provide such services in a for-profit setting in New Jersey.

It appearing that the applicant desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings, and the Committee finding this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 6<sup>th</sup> ~~10~~ DAY OF November ~~to~~, 2009

**ORDERED:**

1. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from offering to engage in or engaging in professional and/or associate counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a) unless and until she is licensed by the Committee or otherwise licensed or certified in the State of New Jersey to provide mental health counseling or to engage in professional and/or associate counseling practice pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-48.

2. None of the supervised hours performed by Ms. Griffin in any for-profit setting, prior to licensure as an associate counselor, shall count toward the mandatory hours of supervised experience required for licensure as a Professional Counselor.

3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00). Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the "State of New Jersey" and sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Professional Counselor Examiners

Committee, P.O. Box 45044, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

The civil penalty shall be paid simultaneously with the signing of the within Order.

4. Failure to remit payment as required by this Order will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt and such other proceedings as are permitted by law.


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J. Barry Mascari, Ed.D., LPC  
President

I have read the above Order  
and I understand and agree to  
abide by its terms. Consent is  
hereby given to the Professional  
Counselor Examiners Committee of the  
State Board of Marriage and Family  
Therapy Examiners to enter this  
Order.



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Laura J. Griffin